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Entitled: LOW COST, NO FRAGMENT EXPLOSIVE ACCESS TOOL FOR SOFT METAL CONTAINERS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 11 pages of specification
- ☒ 2 pages of claims
- ☒ 7 sheets of drawings
- ☒ formal ☐ informal
- ☐ an assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ executed Oath or Declaration of the inventors.
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- ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/O8A and O8B)
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Title

**LOW COST, NO FRAGMENT EXPLOSIVE ACCESS TOOL  
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